

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004 IN THE CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS AT 1327 FOOTHILL BLVD., LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE,  
CALIFORNIA**

Call to Order

Mayor Del Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present were Gregory Brown, Anthony Portantino, Laura Olhasso, and Stephen Del Guercio. Councilmember Spence was absent.

Staff members present were City Manager Alexander; Director of Public Works Castellanos; City Treasurer Voss; Senior Planner Buss; Management Analysts Adams and Wilson, and City Clerk Wahlsten. City Attorney Steres entered the meeting prior to the closed sessions.

County Supervisor Michael Antonovich was present with several members of County Staff, as well as members of the MTA staff.

Comments from the Public

Ross Easty, 5115 Angeles Crest Highway, spoke about funding priorities and requested the City Council approve the installation of a permanent speed counter on ACH. The cost is approximately \$10,000. Councilmember Portantino requested this be a Council consideration item for the 2004-05 budget.

Other Business - Discussion Items

4. Discussion on Regional Public Transportation Needs
  - a. Enhancing the Gold Line
  - b. MTA Line 177

Supervisor Antonovich and MTA Staff gave an update on what is being planned and the need for more resources to bring any of these projects to fruition.

5. Trails and Trails Maintenance Issues

Director of Public Works Castellanos showed slides of areas of the 14 miles of County-owned trails in the City that have eroded again following the rains. He commended the County crews for their work and suggested that there are areas that could benefit from some type of retaining structure since they continually need maintenance, particularly after rains.

Supervisor Antonovich noted that his annual trail ride in June will be in the City of La Cañada Flintridge and Altadena. One of his staff members also noted that they will be

requesting a three man crew funded by Flood Control in the next budget for maintenance of flood control channels and other health and safety issues. Some of the areas shown on the slides might qualify as health and safety issues.

Supervisor Antonovich stated that they have been meeting with Patrick Larkin, Executive Director of Descanso Gardens, to work on a route for the Flint Wash Connector Trail through Descanso Gardens. His staff distributed a map showing two options. Council commended them for working towards getting this link in the trail system.

6. Impact of State budget on County Services

Supervisor Antonovich noted that, like the cities, the counties are having funds taken by the State. There could be as much as a 38% reduction in the next County budget.

7. I-710 Freeway

Councilmember Portantino pointed out that when MTA, SCAG, and CalTrans make presentations regarding the I-710 gap closure in the various communities, they do not give the same information and noted the need for plans to be communicated clearly and accurately. MTA staff noted that the plans have not been finalized and more study is needed to determine what is feasible before environmental studies are done.

8. Update on Soundwalls - NBSSR

Mayor Del Guercio pointed out the illustrated boards showing the results of the sound studies being done as part of the city-funded NBSSR. They demonstrate the need for the soundwalls and the level of impact on the community.

Recess

Mayor Del Guercio recessed the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Reconvene and Closed Session

Mayor Del Guercio called the meeting back to order with all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Spence at 9:12 a.m.

City Attorney Steres read the title of the two scheduled closed sessions.

9. Conference with Legal Counsel for Anticipated Litigation (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b))  
Possible Cases: One
10. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Pursuant to Government Code Section 94956.8)  
Property: Crescenta Valley Water District ("CVWD") sewer lines

City Negotiators: City Manager, City Attorney and Director of Public Works  
Negotiating Parties: CVWD  
Under Negotiation: price and terms of payment

Mayor Del Guercio called the Council into closed session. City Clerk Wahlsten left the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Olhasso left the meeting at 9:30 a.m. following the conclusion of Item 9 due to her conflict of interest in Item 10.

Mayor Del Guercio called the meeting back to order at 10:29 a.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Del Guercio adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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Marjorie K. Wahlsten, CMC  
City Clerk

Minutes Approved by the City Council on April 7, 2004